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## PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The fifty-first session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will be held at the United Nations Office in Geneva from 4 to 22 August 1997. The first meeting of the session will be convened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 4 August. The last meeting will be convened at 3 p.m. on Friday, 22 August.

2. This document contains the provisional agenda for the fifty-first session of the Committee, prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, together with annotations relating thereto.

3. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the tentative timetable for consideration of reports and further information submitted by States parties, for consideration of States parties pursuant to the review procedure, and for consideration of States parties pursuant to the early warning measures and urgent procedures.

4. In accordance with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the States parties are invited to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

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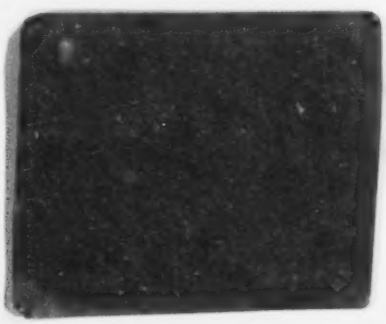

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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2. Report of the Chairman.

3. Organizational and other matters.

4. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning and urgent procedures.

5. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention.

6. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention.

7. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention.

8. Action by the General Assembly at its fifty-first session:

   (a) Annual report submitted by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination under article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention;

   (b) Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights.

9. Consideration of copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention.

10. Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items.

2. Report of the Chairman

The Committee will be presented with a report of the Chairman on the activities undertaken since the fiftieth session and on the follow-up given to decisions taken at the fiftieth session.

3. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the fifty-first session.

4. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning and urgent procedures

The Committee decided at its forty-fifth session to establish this as one of its regular and principal agenda items. Within the framework of its efforts to prevent racial discrimination, the Committee may decide to take early warning measures aimed at preventing existing problems from escalating into conflicts; or it may decide to initiate urgent procedures aimed at responding to problems requiring immediate attention to prevent or limit the scale or number of serious violations of the Convention. The Committee may also take action or further action regarding States parties already considered under the item.

Pursuant to decisions taken at its fiftieth session, the Committee has scheduled, at its fifty-first session, consideration of the situation in the following States parties: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Israel, Papua New Guinea and Rwanda. The Committee may, at its discretion, schedule the consideration of other States parties at short notice.

In pursuance of established practice, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which they are scheduled for consideration by the Committee. The scheduling of the Committee's consideration of States parties under this item is set forth in the timetable below.

5. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention

At its fifty-first session, the Committee will consider reports received from the following States parties: Algeria, Argentina, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Denmark, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Pursuant to decisions taken at its fiftieth session, the Committee has scheduled, at its fifty-first session, a review of the implementation of the Convention in a number of States parties that have previously submitted reports but from which periodic reports are excessively overdue. Those States parties are the following: Cuba, Ethiopia, Haiti, Israel, Lebanon, Niger, Yugoslavia.

In addition, the Committee has scheduled a review of the implementation of the Convention in a number of States parties whose initial report is excessively overdue. Those States parties are the following: Guyana, Liberia, Suriname.

In pursuance of established practice and in conformity with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration or review by the Committee. The scheduling of the Committee's consideration of reports submitted and the review of the implementation of the Convention in States parties whose reports are excessively overdue is set forth in the timetable below.

6. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVIII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under article 14 of the Convention.

In accordance with rule 88 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee during which communications under article 14 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.

7. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention

At its fifty-first session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the status of submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 9 of the Convention (CERD/C/325). Part A of that document indicates reports received from States parties and pending consideration by the Committee. Part B of the document contains information relating to overdue reports.

8. Action by the General Assembly at its fifty-first session

(a) Annual report submitted by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination under article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention

Following a request made by the Committee at its seventh session in 1973, this item is included yearly on the Committee's provisional agenda.

Pursuant to article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the annual report of the Committee, covering its activities during the forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions, was submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session. The Committee will have before it the relevant summary records of the Third Committee and the relevant General Assembly resolutions.

(b) Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights

During the fifty-first session of the General Assembly, this item was considered by the Third Committee. For the consideration of this agenda item, the Committee will have before it the following documents:

(i) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting to the Commission on Human Rights the report by the independent expert, Mr. Philip Alston, on the effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to United Nations human rights instruments (E/CN.4/1997/74);

(ii) Relevant summary records of the Third Committee;

(iii) Relevant General Assembly resolutions.

9. Consideration of copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention

Under this item, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General (CERD/323) concerning article 15 of the Convention and listing, as appropriate, copies of petitions, reports and working papers relating to the Trusteeship Council and the Special Committee on the Situation with Regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

10. Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

At its 695th meeting (thirtieth session) in August 1984, the Committee decided to keep this item on its agenda and requested the Secretary-General to keep it informed of the relevant activities which would be undertaken in accordance with the Programme of Action for the Third Decade.

Tentative timetable for consideration of reports and further information submitted by States parties, for consideration of States parties pursuant to the review procedure, and for consideration of States parties pursuant to the early warning measures and urgent procedures

The following timetable has been drawn up by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman, taking into account the relevant decisions taken by the Committee at its fiftieth session.

Monday, 4 August 1997

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| Algeria 1/ (Country rapporteur: Mrs. Sadiq Ali) | Eleventh and twelfth periodic reports, due in 1993 and 1995, submitted in one document (CERD/C/280/Add.3) |

Tuesday, 5 August 1997

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| Algeria | (continued) |
| Cuba 2/ (Country rapporteur: Mr. van Boven) | Ninth periodic report (CERD/C/184/Add.3), considered at the 894th and 895th meetings in 1991 |
| Ethiopia 2/ (Country rapporteur: Mr. Chigovera) | Sixth periodic report (CERD/C/156/Add.3), considered at the 871st and 872nd meetings in 1990 |
| Haiti 2/ (Country rapporteur: Mr. de Gouttes) | Eighth and ninth periodic reports (CERD/C/195/Add.1), considered at the 879th meeting in 1990 |
| Lebanon 2/ (Country rapporteur: Mr. Garvalov) | Second, third, fourth and fifth periodic reports (CERD/C/65/Add.4), considered at the 516th meeting in 1981, and further considered at the 923rd meeting in 1991 |
| Philippines 1/ (Country rapporteur: Mr. Garvalov) | Eleventh to fourteenth periodic reports due in 1990 to 1996 (CERD/C/299/Add.12) |

Wednesday, 6 August 1997

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| Philippines | (continued) |
| Denmark 1/ (Country rapporteur: Mr. Wolfrum) | Thirteenth periodic report due in 1997 (CERD/C/319/Add.1) |

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| Thursday, 7 August 1997 | |
| Denmark | (continued) |
| Poland 1/<br>(Country rapporteur:<br>Mr. Agha Shahi) | Thirteenth and fourteenth periodic reports, due in 1994 and 1996, submitted in one document (CERD/C/299/Add.10) |
| Friday, 8 August 1997 | |
| Poland | (continued) |
| Niger 2/<br>(Country rapporteur:<br>Mr. Ahmadu) | Eighth to tenth periodic reports (CERD/C/172/Add.1), considered at the 838th meeting in 1989 |
| Guyana 2/<br>(Country rapporteur:<br>Mrs. Sadiq Ali) | Initial to tenth periodic reports due 1978 to 1996 |
| Liberia 2/<br>(Country rapporteur:<br>Mr. Wolfrum) | Initial to tenth periodic reports due 1977 to 1995 |
| Suriname 2/<br>(Country rapporteur:<br>Mr. de Gouttes) | Initial to eighth periodic reports due 1985 to 1997 |
| Sweden 1/<br>(Country rapporteur:<br>Mr. Yutzis) | Twelfth periodic report due in 1995 (CERD/C/280/Add.4) |
| Monday, 11 August 1997 | |
| Sweden | (continued) |
| Israel 2/ 3/<br>(Country rapporteur:<br>Mr. van Boven) | Fifth and sixth periodic reports (CERD/C/192/Add.2), considered at the 929th to 932nd, 935th and 936th meetings in 1991, and further considered at the 1057th and 1058th meetings in 1994 |
| Papua New Guinea 3/<br>(Country rapporteur:<br>Mr. Garvalov) | Initial report (CERD/C/101/Add.4), considered at the 666th meeting in 1984, and further considered at the 949th and 952nd meetings in 1992, the 1007th meeting in 1993 and the 1060th meeting in 1994 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 1/<br>(Country rapporteur:<br>Mr. Rechetov) | Initial to third periodic reports, due in 1992 to 1996, submitted in one document (CERD/C/270/Add.2) |

Tuesday, 12 August 1997

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| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | (continued) |
| Argentina 1/<br>(Country rapporteur:<br>Mr. Ferrero Costa) | Eleventh to fourteenth reports, due in 1990 to 1996, submitted in one document (CERD/C/299/Add.11) |

Wednesday, 13 August 1997

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| Argentina | (continued) |
| Yugoslavia 2/<br>(Country rapporteur:<br>Mr. Wolfrum) | Ninth and tenth periodic reports (CERD/C/172/Add.9), considered at the 874th and 875th meetings in 1990, and further considered at the 1003rd to 1006th meetings in 1993, the 1094th meeting in 1995 and the 1153rd meeting in 1996 |
| Burundi 1/<br>(Country rapporteur:<br>Mr. Ahmadu) | Seventh to tenth periodic reports, due in 1990 to 1996, submitted in one report (CERD/C/295/Add.1) |

Thursday, 14 August 1997

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| Burundi | (continued) |
| Rwanda 3/<br>(Country rapporteur:<br>Mrs. Sadiq Ali) | Seventh periodic report (CERD/C/169/Add.1), considered at the 839th meeting in 1989, and further considered at the 1027th and 1045th meetings in 1994 and the 1153rd meeting in 1996 |
| Norway 1/<br>(Country rapporteur:<br>Mr. Rechetov) | Twelfth and thirteenth reports, due in 1993 and 1995, submitted in one document (CERD/C/281/Add.2) |

Friday, 15 August 1997

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| Norway | (continued) |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina 3/<br>(Country rapporteur:<br>Mr. van Boven) | Initial and second periodic reports due in 1994 and 1996, special report (CERD/C/247 and Add.1), considered at the 1082nd and 1092nd meetings in 1995, and further considered at the 1153rd and 1182nd meetings in 1996 |
| Cambodia 1/<br>(Country rapporteur:<br>Mr. Yutzis) | Second to seventh periodic reports, due in 1986 to 1996, submitted in one document (CERD/C/292/Add.2) |

Monday, 18 August 1997

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| Cambodia | (continued) |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo 3/ (Country rapporteur: Mr. Wolfrum) | Tenth periodic report (CERD/C/278/Add.1), considered at the 1171st to 1173rd meetings in 1996 |
| Burkina Faso 1/ (Country rapporteur: Mr. Diaconu) | Sixth to eleventh periodic reports, due in 1985 to 1995, submitted in one report (CERD/C/279/Add.2) |

Tuesday, 19 August 1997

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| Burkina Faso | (continued) |

Notes

1/ Periodic report.

2/ Review procedure (for States parties whose reports are seriously overdue).

3/ Early warning measures and urgent procedures.

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